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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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			Priority Claimed	
(Number)	(Country-if PCT,so indicate)	(DD/MM/YY Filed)	[]	[]
			YES	NO
(Number)	(Country)	(DD/MM/YY Filed)	[]	[]
			YES	NO
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			YES	NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application No.)	(filing date)	(status-patented, pending, abandoned)
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(PCT Appl. No.)	(U.S. Ser. No.)	(PCT filing date)	(status-patented, pending, abandoned)
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**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on
behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: Merida Meridien, Inc.
ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 643 Summer Street, Boston MA 02210

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled Tightly Woven Paper Textile Products, by inventor(s), Hiram M. Samel, described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the small business concern are not exclusive, each individual concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below *

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

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